

solved to make at least a bold front; he sent Don Bruno Cavallero with a hundred men to the still unfinished fort on the Point; he proceeded in person with his frigate to the midst of the channel, where he lay to under several anchors. He ordered the two other frigates and the *Maréchal de Villars*, having reinforced them with a hundred men, to do the same thing, and draw up in line of battle, leaving only one side free at Fort Siguença; he drew all his other vessels up in line, and sent word of all to the Governor of San Carlos. The latter, on his side, had at once made out the ships to be French, because the moment they turned to approach the mouth of the harbor, he was attacked by a large body of Indians, with Frenchmen, as he judged, among them. 1719.

In fact, the Count de Champmêlin, commanding the squadron, having arrived in sight of Dauphin Island on the 31st of August, anchored the next day in the roadstead of that island with five men-of-war and two of the Company's ships. He met in the channel two Spanish bilanders, cruising there to cut off communication between the island and Maubile, but on sighting his squadron, they set sail for Pensacola. On the other hand, Mr. de Serigny, before communicating with Mr. de Champmêlin, had notified Mr. de Bienville to assemble the Indians with all the French he could find, and march with them to Dauphin Island; this done, he proceeded to salute the Count de Champmêlin and report to him the position of affairs. A few days after, Bienville arrived, and on the fifth the general held a great council of war. It was there decided that de Bienville should invest the fort at Pensacola by land with the four or five hundred Indians, and that Mr. de Serigny should remain with Mr.

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Mars, 56, Capt. de Roquefeuille; Triton, 54, Capt. de Vienne; the Union, 48, Capt. de la Mancilliere - Gravé and the Marie, Capt. Japy or Chappuy, bearing 28 officers and 800 men. La Harpe, p. 159. Dumont, ii., p. 18. On the 7th Sept., 1719, he sailed

for Pensacola, leaving the Marie, but taking the Philippe. He landed the soldiers and Canadians from Dauphin Island at Rio Perdido. Dumont, ii., p. 21. Le Page du Pratz, i., p. 100.